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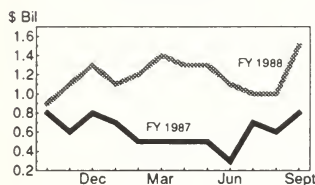
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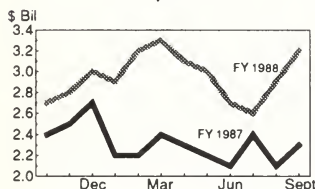
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Fiscal 1988 Exports Up 27 Percent

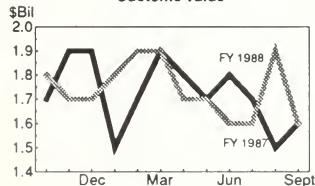
Trade Balance



Exports



Imports
Customs value



Trade Surplus Doubles - Fiscal 1988's agricultural trade surplus reached \$14.3 billion, nearly double last year's, according to Census Bureau data released earlier this week. In September, the surplus exceeded \$1.5 billion, rising \$500 million above August (table 3). Exports were substantially higher in September, while imports dropped \$200 million.

Exports - U.S. agricultural exports totaled \$35.3 billion in fiscal 1988, more than \$7 billion above 1987. In September, exports soared \$300 million above the previous month to almost \$3.2 billion (table 5). Wheat, rice, animal feeds, vegetable oils, and horticultural products led the export gains.

Soybean exports fell 27 percent, or \$87 million, in September. Exports were lower to nearly every destination, and prices slipped slightly as well. August and September are typically the slowest months for U.S. soybean exports. This year soybean exports during these months were further dampened by increased U.S. prices stemming from drought. At only 731,000 tons, soybean exports in September were less than half their year-earlier level.

Cotton exports remained about the same in September at \$86 million, beginning the new marketing year at a very slow pace. Except during fiscal 1986, when strong U.S. prices reduced the competitiveness of U.S. cotton, September's exports were among the lowest of the 1980's. Since February 1988, U.S. prices have remained above world prices, but extensive forward contracting sustained exports until the end of the 1987/88 marketing year in July.

Corn exports fell slightly in September, slipping \$10 million to \$493 million. Export prices declined from August's high of \$130 per ton, reflecting earlier movements in market prices. Volume remained about the same as in August, with larger exports to Taiwan, Mexico, and Spain offset by smaller shipments to the USSR and Korea.

Wheat exports increased to China and Egypt boosting U.S. sales \$83 million to \$490 million in September. Volume rose more than 500,000 tons despite smaller exports to Algeria and Pakistan. Shipments not under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) remained relatively steady, but average export prices gained even with the larger proportion moving under EEP. (Steve MacDonald, 202 786 1821)

Imports - Agricultural imports reached a record \$21 billion in fiscal 1988, \$125 million above the 1986 record and \$360 million above 1987. September imports fell 11 percent from August to \$1.6 billion (table 6). Meat, coffee, cocoa, fruit, vegetable oil, and sugar purchases fell from August levels. (Steve Milmo, 202 786 1821)

Leading Markets - Increased U.S. farm product exports were accompanied by shifts among leading markets in fiscal 1988. Shipments to Korea rose one-third in value, boosting it to second place from fourth position. The USSR moved up to fifth from eleventh place (table 4). A recovery in corn and soybean shipments elevated Spain into ninth position from twelfth place. Japan maintained its leading market position with a hefty 31-percent gain, as U.S. exports there reached a record \$7.3 billion. (Tom Warden, 202 786-1822)

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1986/87	1987/88	1986/87	1987/88	1987	1988	1987	1988
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	27,875,861	35,341,239	--	--	2,348,355	3,179,518
Animals & animal prod. (NA)	--	--	5,014,205	6,057,775	--	--	458,845	660,859
Animals live - ex poultry (NO)	275	1,082	330,562	452,065	28	527	52,965	81,167
Cattle & calves (NO)	122	253	98,854	166,965	11	48	7,849	29,279
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	21	27	221,787	257,979	2	3	44,055	42,794
Swine (NO)	8	27	5,920	8,603	1	8	609	1,320
Other live animals (NO)	124	776	4,001	18,519	13	468	7,774	7,774
Meats & meat products (MT)	548	631	1,299,643	1,796,533	46	64	118,265	196,696
Beef & veal (MT)	221	223	734,079	1,008,764	20	24	67,711	120,200
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	216	219	717,029	990,555	19	24	66,312	118,339
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	5	4	17,050	18,209	1/	1/	1,399	1,861
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	38	50	72,174	99,083	3	4	7,154	8,791
Pork (MT)	30	57	104,852	228,166	3	5	10,694	18,099
Pork - fresh or froz (MT)	30	57	94,382	210,069	2	4	9,726	16,356
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	6	7	13,470	18,097	0	1	968	1,772
Variety meats, edib. offals (MT)	244	282	355,026	410,887	19	29	29,786	44,517
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	15	19	33,512	49,854	1	2	2,920	5,088
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	--	--	594,331	647,394	--	--	52,283	66,893
Poultry - live (NO)	31,731	44,283	72,561	83,256	2,736	3,816	6,920	7,737
Baby chicks (NO)	25,727	39,227	62,227	76,449	2,278	3,331	5,991	6,984
Poultry meats (MT)	376	390	406,176	424,346	36	36	37,324	45,007
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	343	343	361,194	365,644	33	31	33,906	38,111
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	14	25	15,718	24,712	1	2	1,665	2,439
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	14	15	15,854	16,179	1	1	1,106	1,268
Poultry meats-prep or pres (MT)	6	8	13,410	17,811	1	1	1,054	3,189
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	3	2	35,714	29,391	1/	1/	1,351	1,442
Eggs (NA)	--	--	79,881	109,901	--	--	6,280	12,706
Dairy prods (MT)	445	388	490,606	535,498	42	44	55,427	82,514
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	335	240	221,011	227,742	32	24	22,196	26,200
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	14	10	17,674	10,745	1	3	1,167	2,744
Cheese (MT)	17	25	31,862	46,096	2	4	3,619	5,986
Whey, fluid or dried (MT)	31	53	22,186	32,227	2	5	1,271	3,159
Other dairy prods (MT)	45	57	165,711	215,509	4	7	27,033	43,065
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,220	1,362	416,785	544,632	106	150	38,471	64,010
Lard (MT)	47	55	22,462	26,738	4	6	1,898	2,998
Tallow - inedible (MT)	1,093	1,189	355,333	456,736	93	128	31,323	53,526
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	80	118	38,991	61,159	8	16	5,250	7,486
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,665,557	1,837,505	--	--	117,894	144,199
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	24,333	23,282	1,253,331	1,453,331	1,787	2,149	99,173	125,452
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	23,368	22,908	--	--	1,807	1,846
ht. hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	106,317	146,695	--	--	10,438	10,619
Furskins (NA)	--	--	282,141	210,458	--	--	6,532	6,081
Mink pelts (NO)	2,760	2,455	103,102	88,099	73	110	3,313	3,472
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	179,039	122,359	--	--	3,219	2,609
Wool & mohair (MT)	8	7	55,330	61,482	1	1	9,178	11,416
Sausage casings (MT)	9	11	22,559	29,668	1	1	2,212	2,973
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	34,469	41,167	--	--	3,994	5,894
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	34	58	104,363	131,911	3	10	9,460	12,900
Grains & feeds (MT)	90,211	108,905	9,058,692	12,580,992	8,633	9,552	865,295	1,367,405
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	28,204	40,501	2,877,010	4,466,905	3,264	3,467	339,353	490,024
Wheat flour (MT)	1,501	1,046	206,660	171,279	80	48	12,454	9,526
Bulgar wheat (MT)	151	142	24,856	26,461	5	11	860	2,237
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,454	2,173	550,536	731,384	215	175	45,838	61,822
Feed grains & prods (MT)	47,606	53,308	3,752,193	5,208,655	4,127	4,813	322,794	605,459
Feed grains (MT)	47,380	53,044	3,684,447	5,131,778	4,106	4,800	317,477	599,915
Barley, unmilled (MT)	2,938	2,810	242,436	226,373	210	191	19,861	23,090
Corn, excl seed, unmil. (MT)	39,297	44,133	3,047,536	4,338,038	3,438	3,923	263,627	493,273
Grain sorghum, unmilled (MT)	5,118	6,086	471,442	565,831	431	513	68,681	83,451
Feed grain prods (MT)	226	264	67,746	76,877	21	12	5,317	5,545
Popcorn (MT)	47	67	21,703	32,903	4	6	2,140	3,216
Blended food prods (MT)	154	195	38,118	55,676	16	14	4,142	4,806
Other grain prods (MT)	171	227	125,497	159,724	13	20	11,099	16,416
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	10,113	11,233	1,455,015	1,718,853	907	997	126,072	173,080
Corn by-products (MT)	5,805	6,070	783,044	845,956	568	631	70,588	95,317
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	53	668	87,546	631,395	55	67	6,946	8,418
Beet pulp (MT)	697	803	87,195	90,126	42	6	5,049	853
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	520	600	56,471	78,697	5	0	508	0
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	2,428	3,092	440,698	612,665	238	304	42,692	68,493
Fruits & prep, excl. juice (MT)	1,746	1,975	1,281,136	1,461,914	135	142	117,104	127,772
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,468	1,682	935,965	1,065,699	104	112	74,871	84,551
Citrus (MT)	932	968	497,945	631,395	38	35	23,095	23,288
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	356	462	162,821	224,194	6	6	3,071	2,842
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	151	144	93,562	99,444	9	10	8,127	9,663
Oranges & tangerines-fresh (MT)	416	350	233,483	199,818	21	18	11,378	10,320
Noncitrus (MT)	537	717	438,420	534,314	68	75	51,777	61,304
Apples - fresh (MT)	275	296	95,649	131,377	15	15	7,316	7,944
Grapes - fresh (MT)	114	117	113,152	117,620	29	28	25,085	24,387
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	147	304	229,619	285,318	24	32	18,628	28,972
Fruits - dried (MT)	149	165	230,985	263,835	19	17	30,841	29,345
Raisins - dried (MT)	86	96	128,138	149,721	12	10	18,624	17,950
Prunes - dried (MT)	53	59	81,393	95,081	6	6	9,707	9,171
Other dried fruits (MT)	10	9	21,454	19,033	1	1	2,511	2,224

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Commodity group and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1986/87	1987/88	1986/87	1987/88	1987	1988	1987	1988
Fruits - canned, excl. juice (MT)	65	75	64,948	79,099	6	8	5,522	8,552
Fruits - frozen, excl. juice (MT)	25	29	20,746	28,256	4	4	3,681	3,438
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	39	26	22,001	26,035	2	2	2,189	1,903
Fruit juices, incl. frozen (HL)	4,363	5,497	184,979	252,479	378	443	16,124	21,428
Orange juice (HL)	2,234	2,473	87,505	114,861	184	198	7,430	9,920
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,129	3,024	97,474	137,618	194	245	8,694	11,508
Wine (HL)	36	59	49,963	78,565	4	8	4,912	10,094
Nuts and preparations (MT)	400	435	768,596	906,408	41	43	92,694	106,369
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	99	187	44,200	605,063	21	30	69,346	90,549
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	210	151	162,877	115,023	14	8	10,305	7,252
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	73	73	105,395	114,185	5	4	8,254	3,725
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	2	5,767	7,492	1/	1/	532	797
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	17	22	53,356	64,645	1	1	4,256	4,047
Vegetables and preparations (MT)	1,629	1,826	1,175,840	1,282,364	116	144	81,152	105,997
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	531	643	252,288	310,374	27	45	11,995	19,143
Celery - fresh (MT)	53	55	16,242	17,887	1	2	450	532
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	113	180	35,591	57,874	8	9	2,590	3,048
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	50	35	19,300	13,240	1	2	346	565
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	64	77	40,218	49,779	4	6	2,533	3,905
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	252	296	140,938	171,593	13	26	6,076	10,780
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	181	240	137,590	170,956	15	21	11,095	16,539
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	105	134	79,356	91,868	8	13	5,264	7,532
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	75	106	57,655	79,088	7	9	5,152	7,007
Vegetables - canned (MT)	136	169	107,910	138,205	14	15	11,114	13,794
Pulses (MT)	547	508	267,607	209,861	41	38	17,623	18,995
Dried beans (MT)	409	335	216,263	154,415	23	20	11,615	12,680
Dried peas (MT)	105	134	34,849	40,931	11	13	3,408	4,255
Dried lentils (MT)	34	39	16,695	14,515	7	5	2,600	2,060
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	6	9	56,737	62,235	1/	1	1,008	5,170
Other veg - prep or pres (MT)	227	257	355,709	390,733	19	23	28,317	32,356
Oilseeds and products (MT)	29,725	29,019	6,307,703	7,707,509	2,017	1,324	467,449	472,060
Oilcake and meal (MT)	6,786	6,406	1,346,948	1,501,803	200	409	41,707	116,006
Soybean meal (MT)	6,617	6,208	1,324,668	1,470,759	186	400	39,830	114,582
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	168	198	22,280	31,044	14	9	1,877	1,424
Oilseeds (MT)	21,905	20,911	4,422,520	5,244,802	1,661	763	351,127	252,001
Sunflowers (MT)	21,394	20,455	4,205,275	5,015,042	1,616	731	332,590	235,442
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	310	251	82,895	85,881	22	3	6,582	1,918
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	52	35	42,805	27,714	3	1	2,215	605
Other oilseeds (MT)	112	122	28,208	34,065	17	23	4,359	5,479
Protein substances (MT)	36	50	63,337	82,099	3	5	5,221	8,557
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,035	1,699	558,235	735,241	3	152	78,575	102,023
Soybean oil (MT)	538	850	222,947	436,813	106	83	41,764	52,627
Cottonseed oil (MT)	98	185	47,204	94,587	12	10	5,241	6,029
Sunflower oil (MT)	156	319	67,093	145,188	18	22	7,289	13,242
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	243	344	200,992	284,315	25	37	20,122	32,155
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	224	229	1,203,139	1,296,028	10	15	50,577	80,833
Tobacco - buriety (MT)	49	46	276,259	299,639	2	3	12,197	18,051
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	120	130	747,750	812,532	5	8	29,896	49,216
Other tobacco - unmf (MT)	55	52	179,130	183,858	3	4	8,483	13,566
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1,306	1,388	1,419,322	2,135,657	68	58	93,195	85,968
Cotton linters (MT)	23	39	10,039	14,454	1	4	857	1,436
Essential oils (MT)	8	9	110,784	120,017	1	1	8,369	10,125
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	305	286	371,111	414,492	18	13	22,518	26,169
Sugar & tropical prods (MT)	1,049	842	677,360	735,241	39	50	51,455	72,943
Sugar & related prods (MT)	950	728	199,408	205,168	31	39	12,706	18,178
Sugar (MT)	582	318	112,610	98,226	25	29	6,531	10,252
Related sugar prods (MT)	368	410	86,798	106,942	7	10	6,176	7,926
Coffee (MT)	14	12	90,968	78,243	1	1	7,981	5,926
Cocoa (MT)	7	7	15,604	14,323	1/	1	1,142	1,869
Chocolate & prep (MT)	24	31	78,689	110,918	2	4	8,201	13,871
Tea & mate (MT)	3	3	14,184	17,150	1/	1/	1,944	1,049
Spices (MT)	8	9	24,052	26,796	1	1	2,069	2,705
Flavoring sirups & ext (MT)	24	26	219,361	238,697	2	2	15,906	24,842
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	19	26	34,181	42,593	1	3	2,457	4,359
Other misc veg prods (MT)	21	26	112,389	132,929	1	3	9,628	16,322
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	--	--	64,594	80,005	--	--	5,268	6,399
Beverages ex juices (HL)	101	150	66,009	84,409	--	11	4,914	7,337
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	8,151,763	10,142,818	--	--	717,918	961,348
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,237,612	2,512,137	1/	1/	189,531	241,299
Fish & shellfish (MT)	526	601	1,508,314	2,209,426	42	62	138,607	207,503
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	271	350	1,004,074	1,493,196	24	34	103,464	150,018
Shellfish (MT)	56	70	341,266	469,678	3	4	19,444	23,963
Other fish products (MT)	199	181	162,974	246,553	15	25	15,700	33,522
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	259	284	1,462,342	1,649,425	20	26	106,571	160,762
Fungicides (MT)	--	--	222,367	222,032	--	--	17,868	21,763
Herbicides (MT)	132	164	716,597	900,048	11	16	54,841	96,003
Insecticides (MT)	61	57	372,470	382,242	4	4	23,247	28,641
Other pesticides (MT)	22	25	147,809	145,104	1	3	10,614	14,375
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	878,220	1,004,763	--	--	71,547	89,589
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	51	64	398,767	449,949	--	4	38,798	41,663
Tobacco, manufactured	--	--	2,065,475	2,774,065	--	--	211,662	262,303

1/ Less than 500 tons. Data is preliminary.

Table 2-U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1985/87	1987/88	1985/87	1987/88	1987	1988	1987	1988
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	20,649,819	21,010,764	--	--	1,577,160	1,649,878
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	6,786,156	6,473,063	--	--	4,955,064	4,955,084
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,106	3,030	817,202	820,470	248	247	67,440	67,245
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,206	1,050	3,233,135	2,599,678	109	78	222,832	199,362
Cocoa & prods (MT)	503	562	1,087,976	1,163,928	30	36	65,046	70,273
Tea (MT)	80	88	114,119	125,275	5	6	8,972	9,641
Spices (MT)	104	120	404,570	355,424	9	10	38,297	29,137
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	824	846	714,320	948,610	61	60	57,631	81,039
Silk - raw (MT)	1/	1/	7,409	6,615	1/	1/	476	278
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	2,190	660	48,214	47,187	601	1	4,665	3,763
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	43	45	22,790	25,087	2	3	1,551	1,201
Essential oils (MT)	13	12	115,256	141,525	1	1	8,961	11,658
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	53	49	204,035	222,526	9	4	18,775	19,615
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	13,863,662	14,537,700	--	--	1,082,096	1,154,794
Animals & prods (NA)	--	--	5,049,784	5,233,309	--	--	4,204,666	374,300
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	1,994	2,238	609,666	729,340	58	168	107,677	57,157
Cattle (NO)	1,434	1,437	461,560	598,795	13	57	8,136	41,245
Horses & mules (NO)	11	11	92,263	59,901	1	1	4,264	6,670
Swine	413	685	49,079	66,601	38	104	4,142	8,901
Other live animals (NO)	136	106	2,763	4,043	7	5	536	340
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	1,282	1,280	2,797,057	2,788,488	113	91	255,957	199,327
Beef & veal (MT)	778	779	1,574,751	1,680,560	70	55	149,069	122,852
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	709	700	1,361,139	1,476,510	64	47	127,679	102,891
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	69	79	213,612	204,050	8	8	21,390	19,861
Pork (MT)	462	456	1,125,399	1,000,963	39	33	96,730	68,400
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	300	296	596,029	515,619	24	21	49,334	36,238
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	162	160	529,363	485,344	14	12	47,436	34,282
Mutton goat & lamb (MT)	18	20	31,807	39,648	1	1	2,880	2,567
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	18	20	30,893	37,736	1	1	2,631	2,133
Mutton goat & lamb-prep/pres (MT)	1/	1/	913	1,913	1/	1/	249	434
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	9	10	11,248	12,952	1	1	1,248	963
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	3	4	15,702	19,020	1	0	2,721	1,133
Other meats & prods (MT)	12	11	38,133	35,327	1	1	3,269	3,290
Poultry and prods (NA)	--	--	112,232	97,369	--	--	7,996	8,254
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	10,018	8,156	--	--	603	815
Poultry meat (MT)	--	3	14,220	12,482	--	1/	973	849
Eggs (NA)	--	4	15,284	14,792	--	1/	1,563	1,464
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	--	9	72,759	61,939	--	1	4,856	4,966
Dairy products (MT)	461	337	848,778	880,792	92	29	95,481	70,817
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	14	15	13,719	14,530	1	1	1,314	560
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	1	1	1,865	1,841	1/	1/	86	141
Cheese (MT)	126	119	396,775	375,436	11	9	35,272	28,197
Casein & mixtures (MT)	110	97	230,214	296,013	9	6	20,110	24,219
Other dairy prods (MT)	210	106	206,205	192,973	72	13	38,700	17,699
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	--	21	17,876	19,303	--	1	1,445	1,483
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	303,903	247,085	--	--	16,538	15,134
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	6	6	36,470	41,790	1/	1/	2,067	2,028
Other hides & skins (MT)	41	26	36,352	57,262	--	3	2,970	5,645
Furskins (NA)	--	43	231,080	148,034	--	1	11,501	17,461
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	--	12	152,668	244,752	--	1	8,301	4,788
Sausage casings (MT)	--	12	58,891	66,323	--	1	5,534	4,887
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	3,573	2,663	--	--	393	162
Misc animal prods (NA)	--	--	145,141	157,193	--	--	11,924	12,291
Grains and feeds (MT)	2,336	3,050	727,471	867,844	188	237	67,098	82,344
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	342	411	35,298	51,811	26	49	2,448	6,727
Oats, unmilld (MT)	508	745	42,270	86,458	28	30	2,375	4,404
Barley, unmilld (MT)	162	266	13,154	21,135	23	5	1,372	6,223
Rice (MT)	84	103	34,965	50,635	6	9	2,317	4,776
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	131	127	271,340	273,796	14	13	31,722	29,993
Pasta & noodles (MT)	103	104	79,673	83,290	6	8	5,014	6,118
Other grains & preps (MT)	226	283	132,484	141,100	27	19	12,090	13,629
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	779	1,010	118,287	150,619	104	104	9,760	19,754
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,583	1,625	981,507	1,012,986	59	73	44,335	49,540
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,134	1,185	626,547	658,770	25	39	17,187	21,595
Strawberries (MT)	50	47	43,589	35,366	1	1	699	608
Apples, fresh (MT)	137	119	69,218	50,685	3	3	1,197	1,299
Citrus, fresh (MT)	74	91	21,990	24,078	4	6	785	661
Grapes, fresh (MT)	248	307	207,418	254,876	4	12	897	2,108
Mangoes, fresh (MT)	52	52	31,627	28,797	2	2	1,078	1,546
Melons, fresh (MT)	339	340	86,159	85,951	1/	1/	15	2
Pineapples - fresh (MT)	80	80	22,785	28,089	5	6	1,627	2,616
Other fruits - fr or froz (MT)	154	165	143,761	151,287	7	10	10,888	12,753
Fruits - prepared or pres (MT)	450	440	354,957	354,217	34	34	27,148	27,946
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	245	238	150,085	151,850	19	16	11,852	9,251
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	205	202	204,872	202,367	15	18	15,295	18,695
Orange juice (HL)	21,361	16,951	431,099	242,361	1,573	1,402	36,378	53,263
Other fruit juices (HL)	12,698	9,803	296,931	244,778	835	862	17,728	20,004

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity (continued)

Commodity and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1986/87	1987/88	1986/87	1987/88	1987	1988	1987	1988
Nuts and preparations (MT)	151	141	380,293	335,698	9	13	25,716	32,798
Brazil nuts (MT)	11	9	16,301	13,006	1	1	1,281	1,366
Cashew nuts (MT)	42	40	256,530	219,351	3	4	18,140	22,485
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	7,309	7,208	1/	1/	68	128
Coconut meat (MT)	53	43	41,967	40,099	3	4	2,920	4,172
Filberts (MT)	2	2	7,509	7,095	1/	1/	169	116
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	9,639	11,091	1/	1/	1,890	1,340
Pistachio nuts (MT)	2	2	4,048	6,008	1/	1/	231	112
Other nuts (MT)	36	40	36,990	31,839	2	4	1,036	3,080
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	2,446	2,521	1,508,582	1,593,337	145	180	99,562	110,550
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	1,669	1,722	691,088	725,244	79	100	33,383	44,174
Tomatoes (MT)	441	376	175,384	164,448	17	26	6,105	10,805
Asparagus (MT)	16	15	20,059	19,836	1	1	734	722
Beans (MT)	13	13	9,954	10,636	1/	1/	188	152
Carrots (MT)	43	59	11,814	13,174	7	9	1,303	2,724
Cucumbers (MT)	191	214	54,585	48,996	1/	1/	402	611
Eggplant (MT)	13	18	5,465	9,270	1/	1/	9	177
Garlic (MT)	18	18	17,441	11,229	1/	1/	415	177
Onions (MT)	161	190	56,858	79,946	4	3	1,722	2,315
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	24	31	23,950	28,675	1	5	1,120	4,534
Peppers (MT)	113	129	61,337	73,034	5	4	2,732	2,389
Potatoes (MT)	217	225	49,667	44,975	11	21	2,884	4,560
Squash (MT)	69	62	35,309	32,038	1/	1	131	184
Other vegg - fr or froz (MT)	351	372	168,264	188,985	31	30	15,640	14,990
Vegetables-prep or preserved (MT)	777	799	817,494	868,093	66	80	66,179	66,376
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	78	75	110,062	129,546	7	6	10,545	10,294
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	78	52	136,953	118,834	4	2	8,137	5,229
Hops, incl extract (MT)	6	5	35,040	26,832	1/	1/	133	30
Artichokes - prep (MT)	21	17	26,193	33,169	2	1	2,723	2,856
Asparagus - prep (MT)	3	2	4,842	5,055	1/	1/	133	566
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	129	126	64,553	71,852	9	11	4,488	6,026
Waterchestnuts (MT)	34	34	28,116	25,684	2	3	1,262	2,043
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	42	43	21,241	20,022	3	4	1,634	2,155
Other vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	386	444	390,495	437,098	39	54	37,124	37,179
Sugar & related prods (MT)	2,980	2,437	761,933	621,346	234	219	61,711	58,833
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,492	1,069	497,381	367,755	127	99	41,495	35,468
Molasses - inedible (MT)	1,100	973	72,233	71,247	7	90	3,977	8,311
Confectionery prods (MT)	46	40	70,989	62,495	3	3	4,783	9,115
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	342	355	121,340	119,850	34	28	11,836	10,119
Spices - unmanufactured (MT)	21	22	27,861	31,219	1	1	1,348	1,457
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	225	217	634,214	610,806	14	20	37,217	59,314
Tobacco - filler (MT)	180	182	586,699	569,972	11	18	34,139	57,057
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	19	19	25,176	27,731	1	1	1,496	1,703
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	15,547	15,583	1,923,156	2,008,473	1,227	1,294	153,399	161,703
Wine (HL)	3,379	3,026	953,194	976,281	242	231	73,451	74,734
Malt beverages (HL)	10,786	11,315	855,350	940,371	886	962	71,149	80,091
Other beverages (HL)	1,382	1,243	114,611	91,820	99	100	8,500	6,878
Oilseeds and products (MT)	1,572	1,772	579,330	838,169	147	168	56,782	83,909
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	165	208	56,341	71,440	22	21	5,101	7,708
Flaxseed (MT)	58	73	8,621	15,892	15	11	2,186	3,920
Sesameseed (MT)	37	38	26,401	27,619	2	2	1,477	1,815
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	70	97	21,319	27,928	5	7	1,438	1,974
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,162	1,311	493,013	724,702	102	125	48,669	71,731
Castor oil (MT)	43	27	26,723	24,965	1	1/	740	358
Coconut oil (MT)	493	487	153,894	231,301	60	28	23,616	14,703
Olive oil (MT)	62	68	101,087	123,191	5	6	7,502	9,885
Palm oil (MT)	187	187	56,280	59,989	7	25	2,067	10,771
Palm kernel oil (MT)	180	210	58,665	103,196	16	23	6,546	12,167
Other oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	169	331	96,363	182,059	14	43	8,199	23,900
Oilcake and meal (MT)	245	253	29,977	42,028	23	23	3,012	4,470
Cotton linters (MT)	37	35	6,357	8,362	2	2	394	449
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	133	143	155,551	153,005	5	6	11,065	10,540
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	238,476	273,439	--	--	18,604	21,812
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	131,016	145,193	--	--	27,122	29,550
Other vegetable prods (MT)	--	15	29,404	36,410	--	1	3,291	4,402
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	8,740,486	9,074,277	--	--	739,751	638,301
Fertilizers (MT)	14,349	15,530	1,060,638	1,385,468	1,208	1,154	97,538	103,599
Potassium (MT)	6,520	6,918	360,651	615,347	638	473	47,344	41,504
Nitrogen (MT)	6,432	7,089	539,144	598,226	506	629	39,785	53,207
Phosphate (MT)	707	799	57,904	57,904	26	49	4,355	3,207
Mixed or organic fertilizers (MT)	691	724	111,302	113,991	38	44	6,054	7,569
Fish and shellfish(MT)	34,676	37,980	5,447,932	4,863,139	2,565	3,903	469,906	357,476
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	977	747	2,592,913	2,036,701	84	57	230,726	143,997
Shellfish (MT)	341	337	2,692,542	2,699,406	29	27	226,586	200,641
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	63	77	339,684	418,677	5	1	21,859	5,687
Fungicides (MT)	7	7	36,311	46,700	1/	1/	2,471	2,161
Herbicides (MT)	23	38	137,925	196,920	3	1	9,055	3,207
Insecticides (MT)	13	15	92,996	108,366	1	1/	3,503	230
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,808,092	2,326,784	--	--	142,791	164,618
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	135	115	944,810	1,227,135	8	7	72,018	84,729
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	863,282	1,099,649	--	--	70,773	79,889
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	86,140	80,208	--	--	7,656	6,920

1/ Less than 500 tons. Data is preliminary.

Table 3--U.S. Agricultural Trade Summary (\$ Million)

Item	August	Sept	FY to date	Change 1/
				Percent
Agricultural exports	2,876.4	3,179.5	35,341.2	27
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,062.9	1,802.7	23,057.3	1
Imports (Customs value)	1,856.9	1,649.9	21,010.8	2
Trade Balance:				
Exports minus c.i.f.				
imports	813.5	1,376.8	12,283.9	145
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,019.5	1,529.6	14,330.4	98
Preliminary data.				
1/ Percent change from previous year.				

Table 4--Leading U.S. Agricultural Export Markets

Destination	FY 1987		FY 1988	
	\$Mil.	Rank	\$Mil.	
Japan	5,553	1	7,274	
Korea, Rep.	1,693	4	2,250	
Netherlands 1/	1,954	2	2,087	
Canada 2/	1,776	3	1,973	
USSR	659	11	1,934	
Mexico	1,215	7	1,726	
Taiwan	1,354	5	1,577	
Germany, Fed. Rep.	1,266	6	1,306	
Spain	658	12	848	
United Kingdom	666	10	819	
Egypt	761	8	786	
Italy	733	9	713	

1/ Not adjusted for transshipments.
2/ Adjusted for transshipments.

Table 5--U.S. Agricultural Exports (\$ Million)

Commodity	July	August	Sept	FY to date	Change 1/
					Percent
Total	2,622.7	2,876.4	3,179.5	35,341.2	26.8
Live animals	41.6	74.4	88.9	535.3	32.8
Meat & prep.	196.7	241.3	241.6	2,220.9	30.2
Hides & skins	136.7	146.0	144.2	1,837.5	10.3
Wheat	380.1	406.5	490.0	4,466.9	55.3
Rice	66.6	43.4	61.8	731.4	32.8
Corn	366.7	503.0	493.3	4,338.0	42.3
Other coarse grains	76.4	44.9	106.6	793.7	24.6
Animal feeds	204.5	225.6	289.1	3,220.7	14.9
Soybeans	275.4	322.7	235.4	5,015.0	19.2
Vegetable oils	76.0	51.3	104.1	960.9	78.5
Horticultural prod.	312.2	325.7	378.1	4,061.7	15.2
Cotton and linters	110.3	89.5	87.4	2,150.1	50.4
Tobacco, unmg.	65.6	70.1	80.8	1,296.0	7.7

1/ Percent change from previous year.

Table 6--U.S. Agricultural Imports (Customs value) (\$ Million)

Commodity	July	August	Sept	FY to date	Change 1/
					Percent
Total	1,603.3	1,856.9	1,649.9	21,010.8	1.7
Live animals	27.0	46.9	58.0	737.5	19.0
Meat & prep.	213.8	244.4	200.2	2,801.0	(0.4)
Dairy prod.	76.1	84.1	70.8	880.8	3.8
Grains & feeds	69.5	89.8	82.3	867.8	19.3
Fruits & nuts	205.7	243.9	222.9	2,936.8	1.0
Vegetables	105.4	106.4	110.6	1,593.3	5.6
Vegetable oils	60.6	86.2	71.7	724.7	47.0
Wine	69.8	67.8	74.7	976.3	2.4
Sugar	36.5	47.7	35.4	367.8	(26.1)
Tobacco, unmg.	54.9	58.4	59.3	610.8	(3.7)
Coffee	247.8	252.2	199.4	2,599.7	(19.6)
Cocoa	68.3	90.3	70.3	1,163.9	7.0
Rubber, natural	60.7	108.4	81.0	948.6	32.8

Numbers in parentheses are negative.
1/ Percent change from previous year.

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